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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following references are brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, all assigned to the same Assignee as the present invention: S/N 07/651,322, filed on February 6, 1991 by Woolford et al., attorney's docket number M&G 3616.20-US-02, which is a divisional of S/N 07/534,831, filed on June 7, 1990 by Woolford et al., attorney's docket number M&G 3616.20-US-01 (now issued as

U.S.Pat.No. 5,062,610); S/N 08/088,258, filed on July 7, 1993 by Woolford, attorney's docket number M&G 3616.26-US-02, which is a divisional of S/N 07/828,031, filed on January 30, 1992 by Woolford, attorney's docket number M&G 3616.26-US-01 (now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,249,950); and S/N 07/957,598, filed on October 6, 1992 by Woolford, attorney's docket number M&G 3616.69-US-01.

Applicants bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of these references and form 1449 are enclosed. No representation is made that any of the below references are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Moreover, any explanations that follow below are not to be taken as a representation that the references have been thoroughly reviewed. In particular, no representation as to the relative relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

European Patent Application No. 170 113; French Patent No. 2,243,304; and German Patent No. 3,401,629 each have translations attached thereto.

European Patent Application Nos. 39,372 (e.g. block 3 Fig. 1), 215 991 (e.g. block 14 Fig. 3), 362,110 (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1); French Patent Nos. 2,228,900 (e.g. block 4 Fig. 5), 2,343,871 (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1), 2,422,780 (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1), 2,463,237 (e.g. block 18 Fig. 5), 2,465,032 (e.g. Figs. 3-4); German Patent No. 1,811,932 (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1); Italian Patent No. 459,942;

and Swiss Patent Nos. 657,172 (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1) and 669,001 (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1) generally disclose stackable blocks or structural elements which have grooves and/or protrusions on their top and bottom surfaces so that their surfaces mesh upon stacking.

European Patent Application No. 130,921, German Patent No. 2,719,107, and U.S.S.R. Patent No. 678,160 all contain English language abstracts, and generally disclose ribbed or grooved surfaces on blocks.

European Patent Application No. 322 668 discloses stackable blocks that are secured by long rods (e.g. block 2 Fig. 2).

Applicant only has a drawing page for French Patent No. 392,474, which appears to disclose stackable blocks (e.g. Figs. 7-12). Applicant also only has a drawing page for Great Britain Patent 336, which discloses various block shapes. Further, Applicant has only drawing pages for what Applicant believes to be Canadian Industrial Design Nos. 47747, 50020, 51794, 63365, 65896, and 67904.

French Patent No. 1,360,872 discloses a stackable block utilizing a pin retaining system (e.g. block 1 Fig. 1).

German Patent No. 2,259,654 discloses blocks for use in an ornamental lattice wall structure (e.g. blocks 1-5).

German Patent No. 2,755,833 discloses blocks having v-shaped grooves disposed upon their top & bottom surfaces (e.g. block 2 Fig. 1).

Italian Patent No. 456,776 discloses molded tiles having mating side surfaces (e.g. Fig. 1), and a mold for manufacturing them (e.g. mold 14 Fig. 5).

Swiss Patent No. 2,054,452 discloses blocks having a pin-type retaining system (e.g. block 21 Fig. 1).

Kawano Cement Brochure discloses various designs for stackable mating blocks (e.g. block on title page).

Applicant is aware of Canadian Design Patent No. 51,160; however, Applicant was unable to obtain a copy of this reference. In addition, Applicant was unable to locate copies of "Standard Load-Bearing Wall Tile" literature and "Anchor Autoclave" product literature, which were cited to the Office in the prosecution of U.S. S/N 07/828,031.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the listed documents and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- A certified copy of a _ application, Serial No. _, filed _, 199_, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
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